

Mr. Vernon W. Clapp
Acting Librarian of Congress
Library of Congress
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Clapp:

Reference is made to your letter dated 30 November 1949 in which you inquire into CIA's interest in the Monthly List of Russian Accessions. This Agency considers the Monthly List to be an excellent review of Library of Congress acquisitions in the field of Slavic publications. In support of this, and based on an exchange of letters between the Director and the Librarian of Congress last April, CIA has been furnishing some translated titles for inclusion in the Monthly List.

The extent of our further participation in this program has been the subject of long and serious discussion. We would like very much to continue this contribution. However, the demands upon our linguistic services have reached such proportions that we now find it unfeasible to continue to do so. We regret that we must cease providing translations as of this date.

We are aware that the Monthly List is of interest to many Federal Agencies, as well as to other public and private institutions, and that it is a publication which should be continued for the general good. Its compilation is not, however, primarily for intelligence purposes nor is it a source of information essential to the foreign intelligence functions with which this Agency is charged.

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Sincerely yours,

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